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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MODDERBEE DETAINEES MANTHATA AND RACHIDI

1. POLOFF, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM JOHN ERASMUS, VISITED MODDERBEE SECTION TEN DETAINEES TOM MANTHATA AND KEN RACHIDI. BOTH MEN APPEARED IN GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION, EAGERLY AWAITING ANTICIPATED RELEASE. PRINCIPAL CONCERN SEEMED TO BE FINDING EMPLOYMENT FOR BOTH THEMSELVES AND OTHER RELEASED DETAINEES. WHILE NEITHER MANTHATA NOR RACHIDI HAVE BEEN GIVEN ANY ASSURANCE THAT THEY ARE TO BE RELEASED, BOTH OBVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED BEING OUT ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 10. (FYI AUGUST 10 IS LEGAL RELEASE DATE FOR THOSE DETAINED OCOTER 19 UNDER SECTION TEN, INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.)

2. RACHIDI AND MANTHATA GREATLY APPRECIATED VISIT AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING INTEREST IN BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT AND SIGN THAT "THE U.S. HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THEM." MANTHATA INDICATED BPC LEADERSHIP (OF WHICH HE AND RACHIDI ARE TWO KEY ELEMENTS) WOULD HAVE TO REASSES ITS GOALS AND OPERATIONAL MEANS ONCE THEY WERE ALL RELEASED FROM PRISON.
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3. VISIT WENT SMOOTHY WITH POLITE TREATMENT FROM PRISON OFFICIALS WHO REMEMBERED POLOFF FROM PREVIOUS VISITS. ONLY UNTOWARD INCIDENT WAS AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING WHEN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIAL ASKED FOR WRITTEN NAME, ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION OF POLOFF AND ERASMUS.
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